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CRIT, Blythe discussing deal for Calif. casino

CRIT and city near key first step toward making new facility a reality

The often discussed possibility of a second tribal casino, this time in California, may be closer than ever to reality.

On November 12, the Tribal Council unanimously voted to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Blythe. Approval of the MOU is the first step toward negotiating a new gaming facility in or around Blythe. The Blythe City Council was scheduled to vote on the MOU at press time.

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— Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr.

Such a facility will likely be a jobs and financial windfall for both CRIT and Blythe. CRIT recently hired the national accounting firm of Ernst & Young to analyze the number of new jobs and tax revenues a new casino would mean

for both parties.

"This is an incredibly exciting opportunity for every CRIT Tribal member because of the enormous positive economic benefits, just as we've seen happen with the BlueWater Resort & Casino," CRIT Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr. said. "It will create new revenue for important Tribal programs, and will create new jobs for our members. We are pleased and proud to be working with our neighbors in Blythe to plan a facility that will be great for both communities."

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Volleyball team spikes competition



The Parker High School Girls' Volleyball Team, which includes a number of CRIT members, rounded out a highly successful season with an appearance at the State Championships in November. The Parker High team was Stacy Mitchell (No. 13), Lynnies Gonzales (No. 14), Nicole McDonald (No. 15), Tahne Sharp (No. 12), Olie Alcaida (No. 4), Laural Eddy (No. 6) and Whitney Sharp (No. 5).

Blackjack makes debut at BlueWater Casino

Other improvements underway to restaurants, entertainment areas

The long-awaited debut of blackjack at the BlueWater Resort & Casino took place when the first cards were dealt on November 2nd.

So far, the new game has gone over well at the casino, where players are enjoying blackjack action on a total of 12 tables.

"We'll be doing blackjack tournaments in the

near future," said Robert Kingsley, General Manager of the BlueWater Resort & Casino.

Kingsley said there are still openings at the casino for experienced blackjack dealers.

Additionally, improvements are underway at the facility's restaurants and bars. The Dig Lounge is undergoing a facelift that will convert it into more of a sports bar, with big-screen and plasma TVs. It will still offer live entertainment. And, The Feast Buffet is being modified to include a sit-down restaurant, called The Garden.

Tribal Elections to be held on December 4th

Eighteen candidates will vie for four Tribal Council seats and three candidates will square off for Chairman in the Dec. 4 Tribal elections.

Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr. and Councilmembers Valerie Welsh-Tahbo, Daphne Hill-Poolaw, T.J. Laffoon and Dennis Patch are up for re-election in the December vote.

The other four councilmembers' terms expire in December of 2006.

In addition, Sylvia Homer's term as Secretary and Eldred Enas' term as treasurer expire on December 31st.

The Tribal Council will select someone for each office from the Council's membership after the election.

All terms are four years, and are effective as of installation of the new members on January 3, 2005.

The candidates for Tribal offices are:

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News, information from your Tribal Government

Chairman Daniel Eddy Jr.
Vice Chairman Russell Welsh
Tribal Council: Sylvia Homer (Secretary),
Eldred Enas (Treasurer), Dennis Patch,
Daphne Hill-Poolaw, Ray Aspa, Sr.,
Herman "T.J." Laffoon, Valerie Welsh-Tahbo

Help determine CRIT's future — cast your vote

We've just seen the completion of two very important elections — the September Primary election and the November General election. Both will help chart the future of this area.

But for Tribal members, no elections are more important than Tribal elections. On December 4, Tribal members will have an opportunity to help shape the future by voting on four Tribal Council seats.

It's an important time in CRIT's history. CRIT is involved in a number of different initiatives designed to improve the quality of life for all Tribal members. From working to re-acquire the La Paz Lands to significant new economic development opportunities, progress is being made, but the decisions made in the coming months will shape how we live for years to come.

Voting is your right as a Tribal member. And our Tribal government will only work for our members if everyone exercises that right, and casts their ballot on December 4.

For more information on the election, please see the article on Page 1.

CRIT is as strong as it has ever been, and we have a lot to be grateful for. By exercising our right to vote, we can make sure we stay strong for many, many years to come.

CRIT casino in Blythe holds promise of new jobs, revenue

CRIT is on the verge of a significant new accomplishment that could dramatically improve the quality of life for Tribal members.

CRIT is negotiating an agreement with the City of Blythe, Calif. regarding the construction of a new casino in or near the community. A subsequent agreement with the State of California will also be necessary.

This project is a critical step forward for CRIT and its members, and we should be grateful to the City of Blythe for their spirit of cooperation and vision for the future. CRIT is taking advantage of gaming opportunities, but also branching out our economic development efforts outside the CRIT reservation.

The facility would create jobs for our members and revenue for the important services CRIT provides its members, including our elders. From education to health care to senior centers, everyone will benefit from this new venture. But it also is a tremendous opportunity for CRIT to work with its neighbors in California.

There is still much more work to be done before a new gaming facility in Blythe becomes a reality. But the project is one more reason for CRIT members to be excited about the future, and a great way to celebrate a very good 2004 for our people.

Your Tribal Council at work for you

Patch strives to improve CRIT's quality of life

Councilman's family history of public service endures with 20-year tenure

You might say serving CRIT members on the Tribal Council is in Dennis Patch's blood.

Patch's father and uncle both served on the Tribal Council even before Dennis Patch began his 20 years of service to the Tribes.

"I just wanted to be a servant to the people and work to raise our standard of living," he



Councilman Dennis Patch

said. "I wanted to improve the economics of our reservation."

And over the past 20 years, Patch has served on just about every committee and board possible, as well as heading the CRIT Education Department. He said his work in Tribal government

has made him a stronger person.

"As I've grown, the Tribe has grown, and as the Tribe has grown, I've grown," he said.

Patch said that some of the key issues he's focusing on as a Tribal Councilman are protecting CRIT's water supply, expanding the agricultural base to eventually include produce,

and developing a comprehensive economic development strategy for CRIT.

"We need to strike a balance between economic development and the culture of our people," he said. "But as a leader, you have to see the needs of our people and plan for the future."

Patch is particularly proud of his service to the Education Department. When he started, he said that CRIT had one of the lowest graduation rates of any tribe in Arizona. Now, CRIT enjoys one of the highest graduation rates. Plans are also underway to start a charter school for kindergarten through 5th grade students.

"We really think it can be done, and we've had great results when we've tutored students ourselves," he said.

Patch said his time on the Tribal Council has been particularly rewarding because he feels like he has made a difference for Tribal members.

"I've always enjoyed it," he said. "It gives you a chance to see what you can do for the people. And if you are successful, you find you can do more and more as time goes along."

Patch encourages Tribal members to take an active role in government affairs and to communicate with their leaders on what's important to them.

"I'd like to see people take a real interest in our Tribe and in Tribal affairs," he said. "Attend meetings, and become informed about the issues. There are a lot of things the Tribe offers people that they don't know about."

CRIT supporters fare well in Nov. elections

Several of the candidates who have supported significant CRIT initiatives on the local, state and federal level were victorious in the November 2nd General Election.

County Supervisor Gene Fisher won re-election over challenger Duce Minor. Fisher has been particularly supportive of CRIT's efforts to re-acquire the La Paz Lands. Fisher was instrumental in working with CRIT on the agreement to use Tribal gaming revenues to improve the La Paz Regional Hospital.

In the other County Supervisor races, Mary Scott, another advocate of Tribal issues, was not opposed in the General Election.

However, Cliff Edey, who spoke out against CRIT's efforts to re-acquire the La Paz Lands in *The Arizona Republic*, defeated Mark Paterson.

CRIT Tribal Prosecutor Martin Brannan defeated Glenn Buckelew and will be the next County Attorney. Native American Kee Kaibetony lost to Hal Collett for Sheriff.

Incumbent Congressman Raul Grijalva, who represents the CRIT reservation and was another key proponent of the La Paz Lands efforts, was re-elected to another two-year term.

And Congressman Rick Renzi, who has also been a key advocate for the return of the La Paz Lands, soundly defeated Democrat Paul Babbitt.

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Preserve improved with grant revenues

Several key improvements have been made and will be made to the Ahakhav Preserve to make it more enjoyable for members, thanks to grant revenues from state and federal agencies.

The preserve was just awarded a multi-year research and development grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior to provide funding for four different projects:

- A mass-planting of 65 acres of cottonwood and willow trees using several different methods on a parcel called “CRIT 10.”
- A 30-acre project on “CRIT 11” to clear old salt cedar trees and replace them with native trees, including mesquite.
- A 30-acre flood irrigation project at a yet-to-be-determined location. The project will include the planting of cottonwood trees.
- Maintenance of the 200-acre “CRIT 9,” one of the largest parcels, for the next five years.

Additionally, two significant improvements have been made to the Ahakhav Preserve recently with the use of grant money from the State of Arizona. New ramadas and picnic areas for the use of Tribal members have been built along the Colorado River in the preserve, thanks to a grant



Councilman Dennis Patch, Preserve Director Jon Villalobos and Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr. show off the grant “checks” in front of the new preserve sign.

from the State Parks Department.

These areas can be used by members for family gatherings, weddings and other activities.

And, the Ahakhav Preserve now has a new sign at its entryway, courtesy of another grant from the State of Arizona.

For more information on the preserve, please call (928) 669-2664 or visit www.ahakhav.com.

Education Dept. active with several projects

Arizona Western College offers course on Intro to Internet through Education Department Lab

If you are interested in learning more about online college classes, you are invited to attend an “Introduction to Online Learning” by Barry Holloway, Learning Support Specialist, at Arizona Western College.

Mr. Holloway, from the Department of Distance Education, will be in the CRIT Education Department’s computer lab December 7 and December 8 from 8:00 a.m. until noon to demonstrate the process for pursuing a college degree or certificate program online without having to leave Parker. You are welcome to come in during those times for a personalized tour of the program.

Poston Master Plan Workshop Yields Results

A museum and visitor center at Poston commemorating Japanese-Internment and post-

war colonization is inching closer to a reality. On October 23, the committees came together at ASU to cement an overall plan for moving forward.

A number of experts in the field of museum management and curating were there as well. Other decisions made included submitting grants for exhibition funds, structural assessment of the sight, developing funding and scope of work as well as gathering oral histories. Anyone interested in serving on one of the committees or interested in being interviewed based on personal history of Poston can call (928) 669-8831.

Counselor on Board

Stacey Amador has joined the Education Department team. He has been working with students and parents to ensure academic success in the schools. Stacey is coordinating the tutoring program as well. His assigned schools include Blake, Wallace and LePera.

Announcements

CRIT Birthdays — December

Deaun Johnson (1st), Mickey Sue Johnson (2nd), Lloyd Miller (2nd), Rayes Robledo (2nd), Sherry Evanston (4th), Glenna Welsh (4th), Elvis Nopah II (6th), Curtis Peveler (25th), Erin Harper (11th), Greg Morales (22nd), Savannah Martinez (22nd), Katrina Dubray (10th), Nikari Nez (16th), Irene Morales (31st), Darius Fernandez (26th), Vicki Laffoon (17th), Arnie Short (31st), Blair Martin (13th), Alaynah Amador (24th)

CRIT Birthdays — January

Sheila Anderson (5th), Tia Laffoon (6th), Curtis Martin (13th), Blake Martin (12th), Ethelyn McCowan (12th), Ephrium McCowan (12th), Aaron Swick (17th), Barbara Sharp (28th), Cory Flood (18th), Monica Gonzales (23rd), Yvonne

Barley (7th), Lori Amador (12th)

Jeffery Albert Bender, a Mohave and the son of Albert and Melanie (Lewis) Bender, is a 10-year-old Honor Roll student in the 4th Grade at Thomas A. Edison Elementary in Nashville, Tenn. He is also taking guitar lessons.



The *Manatoba Messenger* welcomes submissions for anniversaries, wedding announcements, obituaries, graduations and other events.

For contact information, see the information on Page 2 of this issue.

Upcoming Events

BlueWater Resort & Casino events

The following bands will be performing at the Dig Lounge in the BlueWater Resort & Casino during the month of December:

- December 1-4 — Fast Forward. A four-piece male band from Southern California. Their large and extensive repertoire includes everything from classic dance tunes of the 50s and 60s to disco, modern rock and alternative.
- December 8-11 — Swift Kick. A female singer fronting a four-piece band specializing in current dance music along with selections from the 50s through the 90s.
- December 15-18 — John Encino & The Full House Band. A high-energy country-western dance band that also plays classic Rock & Roll and Tex-Mex music.
- December 22-25 — Truly Reckless Band. Playing hits from the 50s and 60s, classic rock and country.
- December 29-January 1 — Octane. A four-piece male band with a repertoire of country, classic rock, top-40 and alternative dance music.

Also, Billy Joe Preston performs in the Dig Lounge every Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights, leading Karaoke on Monday nights after Monday Night Football games and spinning your favorite tunes the other two nights.

New Year’s Eve Party

On December 31, Chucky Bumps & The Crocodiles will perform in the Mohave I & II for the annual New Year's Eve Party. Chucky Bumps will be playing a mixture of jump blues, swing, Rock & Roll, jazz and rockabilly, all mixed into one sound.

The party begins at 8 p.m. and lasts past the stroke of midnight.

ELECTIONS,

From Page 1

Chairman

Daniel Eddy, Jr. , Dempsey Scott, Jr., Luigi D. Lomavitu

Tribal Council (four-year term)

Edward K. Yava, Sr., Dale E. Howard, Daphne Hill-Poolaw, Esther E. McCabe, Dennis Patch, Doreen Welsh, Dorothea Sharp, Marlene James, James “Jimmy” Alcaida, Ray A. Martinez, Stuart G. Harper, Herman “TJ” Laffoon, Jr., Valerie Welsh-Tahbo, Michaeline Miller, Fernando “Bo” Flores, Sr., Bonita J. Fernandez, Amanda Leivas Sharpe, Gertrude “Sugie” Fisher

The election will take place from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Residents of Tribal District I will vote at the Tribal offices; residents of District II will vote at Head Start Valley School. For more information, call the Tribal Enrollment Office.

Focus On...CRIT Recreation Staff enhancing youth programs

The CRIT Recreation Department has undergone a number of changes and improvements recently, as they've continued to offer Tribal youth a variety of programs.

- The CRIT Warriors track team has been competing throughout the region, and as of press time was competing in the Regional Championships in El Paso. If victorious there, they will compete in the National Championships in Schaumburg, Ill.

- More than 80 people participated in the department's Halloween Costume Contest, including several in the 55 & over "Oldest Ghoul" contest.

- The gym is getting new weight equipment for the use of members.

- The department will be embarking on Native American health programs in the coming months, including tobacco prevention and an increased focus on health issues.

- On December 18th at 12 p.m., the department will hold its annual Christmas Program at the gymnasium. Children will have a



Recreation Department staff members (from left to right) Tamara Yava, Youth Coordinator; Victor Robledo, Assistant Director; and Rena Van Fleet, Director. Not pictured is Richard Evans.

chance to meet Santa and will be given Christmas Candy.

- Finally, the department is working to prepare its Summer Day Camp Program, which will focus on Native American language and culture and other cultural activities, with less of a focus than in the past on sports. Sign-up dates will be announced in the near future.

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CRIT Member honored by Army for service



CRIT Member Hipkoe Sakiestewa was honored this summer by the U.S. Army's 187th Infantry Regiment as a "Distinguished Member" for his service in the Korean War and for his public service since leaving the Regiment. The ceremony took place on June 21 at Fort Campbell, Ken.

Sakiestewa earned several medals and honors during his time in the service, including Parachutist's Wings, Combat Infantry's Badge, National Defense Medal, United Nations Campaign Ribbon (with two battle stars), the Korean War Medal from the South Korean Government, and the Good Conduct Medal.

Congratulations to Hipkoe Sakiestewa on this honor!

Photo contest features young faces



Submit now, win money in Feb.

Mickey Sue Johnson is the winner of the October *Manatoba Messenger* photo contest with her photo of Darrius playing in flour (above left). She will receive \$100 for her winning entry.

Second prize went to Stephanie Bow for her photo of a young girl in traditional dress and a baby in a carriage (above right). She wins \$50.

Third prize went to Nathaniel Nez, Jr. for his photo of his father, Nathaniel Sr., and his son Travis (right). He will receive \$25.

Remember that the photo contest will take place in every issue! The next issue of the *Manatoba Messenger* will come out around February 1st.

The deadline for submissions for the photo contest is January 15. You must be a tribal member to be eligible to win.

To enter, just send your picture to the following address and e-mail:



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Or just e-mail the entry to critnews@aol.com.
Congratulations to this month's winners!

CRIT BRIEFS

News from around the Colorado River Indian Tribes Reservation

CRIT members participate in opening of Museum of the American Indian



On September 21st, the Grand Opening of National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. gave a educational opportunity to the non-native people of the United States.

A procession on the Capitol Mall (pictured above) was one of the week-long activities, and CRIT sent participants to the event, including Mohave elders, senior citizens, Mo-Chem-Ho-Na, Tourism Director Ron Charles and Tribal royalty.

"This event has provided a positive voice for Native Americans and was an historical tourism event," Charles said. "I was proud to be in attendance with many other tribes from Arizona and the Southwest, and the rest of the United States."

Conference on holistic treatments for diabetes coming to Phoenix in Jan.

The University of Oklahoma Outreach is sponsoring the 11th Annual Native Diabetes Prevention Conference from January 18-20, 2005 in Phoenix.

The conference theme is "Standing together to meet the challenges of diabetes." Workshops and general sessions will present a holistic and interdisciplinary view of working with diabetes across the generations and across the levels of prevention. The cost of the conference is \$260, and special hotel rates are available.

For more information, call Health Promotions Programs at (405) 325-1790 or e-mail hpp@ou.edu.

Tribal Council approves web site

The CRIT Tribal Council in November unanimously voted to approve the creation of a new Tribal web site.

Modeled after the success of the *Manatoba Messenger*, the site will provide Tribal members with key day-to-day information, as well as serving as a resource for outsiders wanting to do business with or visit CRIT.

Work on the web site will begin in the coming weeks, and the site should be up in early 2005. The *Manatoba Messenger* will provide more information on the site when it is launched.

Tribal Council Elections are Saturday, December 4th

Statements from the candidates for Chairman, Tribal Council

The *Manataba Messenger* offered all candidates for Chairman and Tribal Council the opportunity to submit 400-word statements and photos. The deadline was November 18th, and these were the responses we received by the deadline.

Chairman

Dempsey Scott, Jr.

I have resided my entire life within the Colorado River Indian Reservation, attended the Valley Day School, LePera and graduated from Parker High. Married to Christine for 32 years, we have three sons, Theodore, Daniel and Joshua, and a grand-niece Clementina.

After high school, my employment began with the Tribes, continued with Prest-Wheel Furniture Company, Astro-Glass Boats, Frank Rice Sailmakers, LePera School, Parker School District #27, Colorado River Agency, B.I.A. from 1979 to 1997, and served as a CRIT council member from 1997 to 2000. Currently, I have been working with the newly developed Colorado River Residential Management Corporation as the Assistant Executive Director.

I had the pleasure of serving on the following board/committees — Resource Development Committee (RDC), Human Resource Committee (HRC), Administrative, Big River Development, Business Enterprise Board (BEB), Cemetery and the Nineteen Indian Nations Workforce Investment Board as Chairman. From 1980 to 1990, as a member of the CRIT Housing Authority Board and as a member of the Colorado River Agency — B.I.A. Safety Chairman from 1990 to 1997.

A personal goal I established is to become the Chairman for the Tribes; the issues up for discussion in the upcoming campaign are diverse, the main issue having persistent is will we ever get per capita? In 1998, the Tribes did disperse some income to membership, and a promise was made at that time to set up a re-occurring revenue sharing plan. By setting aside funds to build a new casino but, much of the reserve money was used as operating and financial capital. After that issued, the Tribes ventured off into sponsoring its own proposition for the gaming compact renewal, which failed, and cost the Tribes much of its available remaining revenue. The Tribes drew from its enterprises to carry them through the remainder of the year, placing the Tribes in a very unstable financial situation.

We must ask, “how stable is the financial structure of the Tribes?” Can a plan be developed, soon enough to satisfy the membership? There always lingers the issue, what happened to the plan to set aside funds to create a revenue sharing fund?

Out of all the issues, my promise to the tribal membership is by selecting me as Chairman, I promise to work hard, be available to listen to your concerns, resolve the ones I can, and support the ones that many need to be changed by the Council.

Tribal Council

Bonita J. Fernandez

Hey Tribal Members, it's that time again. Elections! You are encouraged to come out and take advantage of your rights, and cast your vote.

My name is Bonita J. Fernandez, a.k.a. Abby. I am seeking a four-year term on our Tribal Council. I have lived here most of my life. I raised four great children — Lynnette, Monte, Granthum, and Tomarco Stevens. They in turn are raising my grandchildren, Jaymee, Waylan, Monte Jr., and Haeli.



I am a widow. I value my children/grandchildren, family and friends. I especially treasure the times with my family, the humor we share, weaving, and singing mom's songs. I take pleasure in serving and participating in community clubs and committees. Currently I serve on the Tribal Health Board and Education Committee. Also serving as a member of the Hospice of Lake

Havasu City, Parker Lions, and local CASA programs.

I am educated, dependable, and available to serve our Tribal community. I will dedicate these next four years to you. I agree with the candidates (seeking this position). The issues concerning the elders, the youth, and our children are very important to the survival of our tribe. In addition, our economy should be compatible at all times.

I hope to improve all-around communication. The more that is understood the further one can move. My position is truth, trust, and leadership. I, with your help, hope to improve, build up or manufacture a stronger government. Our future depends on us.

Thank you everyone who has encouraged and supported me during this campaign. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Voting is a method to speak out. Please come out and vote.

Fernando “Bo” Flores, Sr.

KAMATHU Tribal Members:

My background includes being employed with the Colorado River Indian Tribes Auto Shop as the Fleet Manager for the past 26 years. In 1992, I was elected to serve on the Tribal Council for the Colorado River Indian Tribes and re-elected to a third consecutive term in 2000. As a candidate in the upcoming Tribal elections, I remain optimistic that if

elected, we can remain strong as a government and work for the people to promote more jobs and economic development for future generations to come.

During my past tenure, I have gained knowledge and experience in every aspect of tribal government and have met critical issues facing the Tribes head-on. My motto has always been to “Serve the People,” which I have always been a strong supporter of and have always conducted business on their behalf to the best of my ability. Allocating a portion of my Tribal Council budget back to the tribal organizations.

As a lifetime resident of the Reservation and Parker, I truly care about the community in which we work and live in. I feel that if elected, it is essential that we meet the needs of the people whether its continuing to have safe places our children can go to for recreational and educational activities; jobs and education for our youth. Assistance for our seniors and other folks with disabilities, so that they may get the support needed.

In conclusion, I would like to add that I have a proven track record and years of experience in tribal government and will listen to the voices of the people. I ask you to join in supporting me and vote Fernando “Bo” Flores, Sr. in Tribal Elections 2004.

Daphne Hill-Poolaw

In 2002 I was honored to be voted into office by the Tribal membership for a two-year term. The two years have been rich, enlightening and challenging.

My parents are Jacqueline Swick Hill (CRIT Mohave) and the late Reverend David S. Hill, Sr. (Chemehuevi). I have resided on the CRIT reservation all my life with the exception of when I was being educated off the reservation.

The two-year term has encouraged me to seek re-election as the Tribes continue to focus on major issues.

The reclamation of the La Paz Lands is closer than ever to reality and the Tribes can claim back what was wrongfully taken away years ago by the Federal Government. It would be in the best interest of the Tribes to focus on economic development for that area.

Water issues are another major concern for the Tribes. We all know that our water is the main source for the Tribes; however, the state of Arizona and California also have their eye on our water as well and know its value. I am interested in utilizing and securing our water rights; however, one must be cautious in how that can be done.

A Juvenile Detention Facility is another major concern for the Tribes. All reservations nationwide

have been hit with drugs and alcohol. And because drugs have increased on the reservation, our tribal detention facility has become overcrowded.

I was grateful when the Tribal Council recently passed a “Zero Tolerance” policy by resolution with regard to alcohol and drugs and the Tribal courts have been stern in upholding the Council's position. The urgent need to build a Juvenile Detention Facility would benefit our young juveniles in many ways. The Tribal Council recently took action to direct the Law and Order Department to move forward with this project and anticipate a new facility soon.

Another huge issue is housing. The projects known as “100 Homes” located in the Town of Parker was renamed to “Desert Sun.” Homes that were vacant for a number of years have been renovated and are now being occupied while other houses were renovated to provide handicap access.

When determining the person best suited for Tribal Council, the most important factors are past moral conduct, experience and success, and consistency of political position. Let's respect those with whom we disagree, all the while holding strong to our convictions. Good luck to all the candidates.

Dale E. Howard

I am seeking your vote in the December 4, 2004, Tribal Council election vying for a four-year term. I am a father of four grown children and a proud grandparent of ten grandchildren. My parents are Marjorie Sands Mahkee and the late Franklin Howard. I recently retired from CRIT on July 31, 2004 after serving the tribal and Parker community.

I served in the United States Army during the Vietnam conflict and am a Vietnam veteran honorably discharged. I am a member of American Legion Post 70 and Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 7061 of Parker.

In my retirement I can devote my personal time and effort to fulfill a commitment to tribal council obligations and responsibilities.

Some tribal members have expressed their concerns for change. I heartily agree that new tribal programs need to be established and existing programs need desirable change or improvements and in a few cases eliminated.

My primary goal is to support and maintain the respectability and accountability of our tribal government, which is lacking with some of our Tribal Council, to uphold our constitution and by-laws and protect our tribal sovereignty.

I seek to make improvements in our trial government free from personal biases and prejudices.

Reforms are needed in our tribal departments public safety agencies and legal/judicial system.

To the best of my ability I plan to maintain the respect of any tribal action or proceedings effecting tribal decisions while refraining from corrupt motives or self-interests. I believe a council position has no place for personal gain as the main consideration should be for the tribal members benefit.

I will employ and be consistent with truth and never attempt to mislead our tribal members by any untruths or false statements of facts.

In the area of economic development the tribes had been one of the most progressive tribe but it appears to be lacking in many respects and seen to be in a slow-down process. Hugh sums of funds have been applied to tribal gaming but should not put a reliance as a sole means of tribal revenue and should be earmarked for other economic development projects.

Educational goals have been established and should be continually be considered a high priority among our tribal members.

Remember, as a tribal member it is important to cast your vote on December 4th, in order to make a difference for a better future for all concerned.

Marlene James

Hello, I'm Marlene James and I am running for a Tribal Council seat. Our Council has failed to provide leadership and it's time to move forward not backwards. The Tribes is in a state state. We need to look at new business opportunities or investments.



Membership can make a difference by voting for candidates who will do a good job - not self serving. We need communication from the council to the people as we aren't told everything. We don't know what is happening until after the business is done. A council member needs to inform the people, to exchange ideas, to exchange support and to exchange solutions. I want fairness by restoring an open-door policy, by representing the people. We need to update policies and procedures, thus improving Tribal Management.

We have a high amount of operating expenses to run the Tribal Offices. We should look at what costs the most, determine the importance of the cost then continue to pay the cost or reduce it, and schedule to review every month.

Any improvement will be a slow process — Maybe two or more years for a turnaround. Let's move forward by electing members who have ethics and work the best they can for the tribes. Vote for new ideas. Make your vote count.

Herman “TJ” Laffoon

I am a Mohave Tribal member, born and raised on our reservation. I graduated from the local elementary and high schools. Obtained an AA Degree from Arizona Western College. Served in the U.S. Army in 1966 to 1968, duty overseas in the Vietnam Conflict. I worked for the U.S. Geological Survey, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and am presently the Commercial Manager for the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

I am also a member of Freeman H. Sharp American Legion Post, past Commander and District 1 Commander for the Department of Arizona. I perform military service funerals and am listed on the National Register for Military Funerals. At present I am in my 12th year as a Tribal Council member.

As a Tribal Council member I am involved in many decisions and actions that our government must act on to regulate and determine our reservation's progress and direction. I feel that this is a very important and serious obligation that requires my full commitment.

As a Council member I have worked with the local community, Federal, State and other Tribal Governments. I have attained many business contacts in the Community, National, State and Tribal levels that have been a valuable asset in keeping me informed on current issues and events. I believe in communicating, working and cooperating with businesses or individuals on all levels to get the job done. There are many local issues as well as national issues that will impact our Tribal Government and reservation status. There will always be Federal budget cuts, negative/positive legislation, sovereignty issues, education, environmental issues, these are ongoing issues that we deal with every year.

Economic development for our reservation is my position's top priority. Economic development of new enterprises will move us forward with a positive secure financial future for our Tribe. Other areas of priorities are our Elders, education of our youth, our veterans, protecting our Tribal sovereignty, and maintaining our traditional history and culture.

I support many sports youth groups. Hike with my grandchildren to reservation areas to show and teach the traditional Mohave sites. The names of our mountains, the history and creation of our people and reservation.

I will be committed to the Tribal membership to work in unity with the Tribal Council, abide by the Constitution, and keep an open mind and positive attitude on all issues to ensure all actions are in the best interests of the Tribe.

Amanda Leivas-Sharpe

Hello, my name is Amanda Leivas-Sharpe. My fiancée is Antonio Barrera. Together, we have seven children (Crystal, Mark, Kristina, Pete, Samantha, Irene, and Tony) and six grandchildren. I am the daughter of Fred and Ernestine



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(Paddock) Sharpe.

I am presently employed with the Tribes working with the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program under the Department of Health and Social Services as the AfterCare Therapist. I have worked with various programs of the Tribes as the Injury Prevention Coordinator, Tribal Court Advocate with Legal Aid and Behavioral Health Services.

I received my Bachelors Degree in January 2002 from Ottawa University. Since returning back to Parker, I have maintained an active involvement in my community, not only at the Tribal level, but also with the Town of Parker, La Paz County, State and also at the National Level representing the Tribes. I believe and support our sovereignty, but also believe in order to make it work for the Tribes interest, we must also be a part of the full picture so that our voice, issues and concerns are heard.

As I have done in the past with boards and committees, I will always have an open door and be willing to listen to whatever your concerns and issues may be and provide assistance to point you in a direction that will assist you.

For the past twelve years, I have served on various committees. Through those committees, I have taken to heart, issues and concerns that have been presented. I have enjoyed serving my membership and community in those capacities and would like to take a step up to the bigger plate of representing you as one of your Tribal Council members. No matter who you vote for, always take an opportunity to be a part of the bigger picture and vote for who you feel will best represent you the Tribal member.

Ray Martinez

I am Ray Allen Martinez, Chemehuevi, born on September 30, 1955. My father is Dick Martinez. I am a lifetime resident of Parker and a self-employed rancher. I have farming experience and knowledge in the cattle business. A former employee with the U.S.D.A. Farmers Home Administration, currently known

as Farm Service Agency, a former board member of the Parker Valley Natural Resource Conservation District, a member of the Parker Indian Rodeo Association and the Inter-Tribal Agriculture Council, a nation wide program. I currently serve on the Advisory Committee for the University of Arizona La Paz County Extension Service.

Economic development farm expansion livestock operations, dairy and feedlot enterprises offer a window of opportunity for the Tribe for economic gains in farm and livestock agriculture business. Agriculture is the foundation of this Tribes' financial stability. The Tribe has designated areas for commercial and industrial use, but have yet produced any development for these properties.

Funding and lobbying for the needs of our law enforcement, judicial, and juvenile department are of great importance. These departments play a crucial role in protecting and carrying out law and order. There is a need for a Juvenile Center and effort must be made in meeting these needs. There are Federal and State programs that offer grants to support these needs.

To the elderly, our Senior Citizens, you have my utmost respect and if elected for Council, I will lobby for you in whatever your needs may be. The idea I have for you and would like to share with you is that I would support a resolution for all members, age 65 and over, be rewarded and have the benefit of receiving a per capita check from casino revenue. The amount would be up to the discretion of the Tribal Council. Even though our elders are assisted by the Tribe, they still face financial hardship.

The issues and ideas I have shared with you are my priorities and goals. If elected for council, I will serve as a fair, honest, and impartial representative, taking a frontline position where true leaders' interests should be. I will lobby for a Council of unity and for the members of this Tribe. With effort, goals can be reached. Your support on election day will help me work towards prosperity and financial stability for the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

Esther McCabe

My platform is, "Equal Rights and Representation." I decided to run for Tribal Council because I feel that I have the knowledge, education, and experience. I am aware of the on-going tribal issues and can make fair decisions. Our Tribal Council and tribal membership tends to forget that

CRIT consists of four Tribes.

I am of Navajo descent. I am Tachii'ni and was born for the Ma'iideesh gizhnii clan. I was born and raised on the Colorado River Indian Reservation. My parents are Alice C. McCabe and the late Franklin J. McCabe, Sr. My parents relocated to Parker to provide a better life and opportunities for their children. My parents taught me by example, the value of hard work, education, and family unity. Thanks to my parents, I am very independent, highly motivated, and a hard working individual. I have managed to raise my two children as a single parent, balance my personal life, hold a full-time job, attend evening class, and maintain my sorority requirements. I also have six grandchildren, with one on the way.

I attended Glendale Community College in Glendale, AZ from August 1991-December 1993. I have been employed as a Recording Secretary for the Word Processing Department since 1994. I have recorded and transcribed the following meetings: Human Resources Committee, Business Enterprise Board, Tribal Employment Rights, Utility Board, Health Board, Home Improvement Program, CRIT Farms, and Revolving Credit, Utility Board, Mohave Elders, and Parks and Recreation. I am knowledgeable of Federal Indian Law, Civil Procedure in Indian Country, Legal Writing and Research, and Gaming Regulations and Control.

When my work schedule permits, I take one night class a semester at Arizona Western College. I am four credits shy from earning my Associate of Arts degree in General Studies. I eventually plan to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. During 2000, I was inducted to the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society in recognition of my academic achievements. I also served on the CRIT Election Board during FY 2002. During 2003, the Soroptimist International of Parker selected me for the Women's Opportunity Award.

In conclusion, I believe that the Tribal Council must work as a team and make important decisions that will benefit the entire tribal membership today and in the future. If I am elected, I will make sure all four Tribes receive equal treatment as far as programs and services. Thank you.

Michalene Miller

I have lived on the reservation all my life with time away for educational purposes. My father is the late Lloyd Miller and my mother is Gertrude B. Van Fleet. I have three adult children and one grandchild.

I see our tribe struggling very slowly to advance. I would like to help our tribe advance in ways of our own such as: Electrical Services, a Telephone Company, Transportation Service, Truck & Vehicle Service Station, Credit/Bank Company, Junior College, Elderly & Physical Therapy Facilities, Land Distribution to landless members, etc. We must not have "Tunnel Vision" we must see from all angles.

We must lease out more land for farming utilizing our water. We must settle the Western Boundary and La Paz Land issues Other concerns I have is hearing members settling for "What Is" and not willing to see "What Can Be". Several members have informed me that they feel they should not vote because of reasons such as "Our tribe will never change" or they feel they are "Unwelcomed".

Regardless of the reasons the ending result is "How secure will our future be?" As Native Americans, how long will we remain separate from other races before we are cultivated into "just another minority". My accomplishment, if I were voted into council, is to learn the traits of leadership politically and inherit, to be a part of a "united" council, and work equally for every CRIT Member.

I want to be a part of council's efforts to secure, strengthen, advance technologically, protect our tribal lands, water, and preserve our cultures. Our common problems today are alcoholism, drugs, weapon abuse, child and elderly abuse. CRIT has programs to address these issues, although it seems departments and parents have become more relaxed, we need group participation to be awake in what their duties are and reconstruct their services and interests.

In all, hard work is nothing new to me. I want to work with my fellow membership and strengthen our tribe in all the ways we can, and we can develop a lot together. We need to educate our youth about strength, dedication, honor, and most of all pride in who we are. It depends on the CRIT Member's votes which will decide what type of council will be

elected.

WE need new ideas! WE need more leaders concerned about members needs!

Vote for the people who will WORK for YOU!

Dennis Patch

I am seeking re-election as a member of the Tribal Council. It has been a privilege to serve as your representative in the Tribal government these last few years. The sacred trust of leadership placed in me by the people has resulted in many positive achievements for the reservation and the membership these last four years.



- The imminent restoration of 16,000 acres to the reservation (The LaPaz Extension)
- The planned development of a Cooling Plant to increase our agricultural revenue
- Tribal Tax Code to have tax revenues paid to the tribe instead of the state of Arizona
- Probate Code to help tribal members protect their rights to their land and property
- Tribal Nursery to restore the natural river environment
- Cultural Programs to educate the children about their tribal heritage and traditions
- An estimated \$2 million increase in tribal revenues
- Created the largest economic and employment force in the county & region

I want to continue to provide success and leadership and ask you to support me in this election. My vision and goals for the next four years are to focus on issues that affect all of us.

Our greatest need right now is to protect our water. I propose the development of a Water Code to legally and thoughtfully plan for our future needs. Also, I believe we need to automate the existing irrigation system to benefit the tribe. Most importantly I want to safeguard our adjudicated water rights for now and in the future.

The Tribes need to diversify their crops to hedge against off reservation market forces that affect the price we receive for our crops and affect the value of our lands. In order to diversify we need to build infrastructure to allow for large-scale food crops to increase the revenue on our existing acreage. What is key here is to control the infrastructure in order to maximize our direct return on these investments. The success of this approach has already been demonstrated on a small scale at CRIT Farms; we need to expand upon our proven success.

I am a strong advocate for the rights and self-sufficiency of Indian people. With a voice, determination and an ethic of hard work, it is my belief that we will become the successful and self-sufficient people our parents and grandparents hoped for in their prayers and sacrifices.

Dorothea Sharp

Hello. My name is Dorothea Sharp and I am running for CRIT Tribal Council. Most of you know me and my family, but for those of you who don't, I am a Mohave/ Chemehuevi and have resided on the CRIT reservation for all of my life so am aware of our government's strengths and shortcomings. I am of the Poot clan.

I believe I have what it takes to serve effectively as a Tribal Council delegate and to help my people have a better life. I was the first president of Resident Initiative Organization Team (RIOT). As the first president I did my best to organize the team and provide the necessary elements of leadership to empower the community. We strived to assist tribal members to obtain affordable housing. I have also been a volunteer with many organizations, including Players Youth Center, Domestic Violence Task Force, Craft Instructor for the CRIT Museum, Education Board and Election Committee.

We need change. I believe that we must demand a council that is more responsive to the needs of the people, all the tribes not just a select few. The council needs to understand that cooperation and positive action is what the people want. We are tired of the "same old, same old." We need to care for our elderly. In the past, the elders of our tribe were respected and cared for. Today, that is not the case. The elderly need better health care and access to better care facilities.

We need to become serious about the domestic violence on our reservation. We need real programs that will help keep our youth and older

members off of drugs and alcohol. Studies show that domestic violence is linked to substance abuse. We need to find better ways to deal with our substance abuse problem on the reservation.

We need to do something about the dropout rate of our tribal members. We must empower the student to be able to perform on par with other students from different social backgrounds. This will mean educating parents on how to encourage and motivate their children to stay in school.

Lastly, I will represent all the tribes that are part of the CRIT. I will be a representative for all tribal members not just a select few. My name is Dorothea Sharp and I need you vote. Remember: I will carry on the tradition of able leadership.

Doreen Welsh

As a candidate for Tribal Council, I strongly believe our tribal leaders today must be ready for the many challenges faced by tribes not just here, but throughout Indian country. However subtle, the constant threat posed by those wanting to see our sovereign status extinguished, or in the very least diminished, is ever present. Tribal leaders must be vigilant and recognize this subtleness and be ready to take action. Many people do not understand what sovereignty is or what we lose when our sovereignty is diminished. Sovereignty is simply and profoundly our ability to govern ourselves and make decisions on issues that affect us and our future.

As a sovereign nation, the Tribes have many advantages that others do not. We must carefully explore ways to work these advantages into opportunities that help the Tribes and its members prosper.

I am fully committed to supporting economic development opportunities that not only generate revenue but attract revenue generating ventures to the area, such as:

Programs that provide opportunities for tribal members to obtain seed money for starting up small businesses on the Rez. By investing first in ourselves, we keep our members and our money here. Promoting tourism, for example, exploring development of a tribally owned and operated professional golf course and working with the tribal tourism program to attract a wider market. Construction of an agriculture cooler to not only enable farmers to expand their crops to higher market produce, but to also attract farmers who grow higher market produce, thus boosting the land lease value to its fullest potential. If you build it, they will come.

Other issues such as water rights, natural resources, housing, health care, education, overburdened tribal courts, proliferation of drug abuse, alcohol abuse, domestic violence, and child abuse, and local jurisdictional issues are also important to me. It is absolutely vital to have experienced leaders with vision to take us forward with these issues.

Our elected leaders must have a firm commitment to uphold the principles entrusted not just by the membership who elected them, but by all the previous leaders who carried the torch and blazed the path before us. Our leaders must be mindful that their decisions will affect generations to come and should not be taken lightly. I feel that I can fulfill that responsibility and would be honored to represent you and this great Tribe.

Valerie Welsh-Tahbo

"What's the use", is a quote from the very first councilwoman of the Colorado River Indian Tribes and those of you who can remember such a woman know that in these frustrated words was a woman



of sheer perseverance. I, Valerie Welsh-Tahbo, strive to emulate the same tenacious attitude when decisions need to be made on various levels.

As a youth, I did not understand the effects of words such as self-governance; sovereignty; economic

development; environmental protection; water rights; and ordinances. However, today, it is a must as our very existence as tribal people depend on it. Ongoing efforts to implement and/or improve our Domestic Violence, Domestic Relations, Probate, Trespass, Gaming, Traffic, and Education Codes, to name a few, linger.

In an attempt to minimize State intrusion I

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Blythe City Manager Les Nelson called the opportunity “extraordinary, such as may never occur again” for Blythe.

“CRIT’s southwestern boundary comes close to our city boundary. As a result, they could site a gaming facility on tribal land without much if any involvement from Blythe,” Nelson said.

“That’s why we appreciate the dialogue with CRIT and we are confident it will lead to a facility and a location that has maximum benefit for Blythe and its businesses.”

If Blythe votes to approve the MOU, over the next month CRIT and Blythe will finalize terms of an agreement before negotiating a state gaming compact with California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, who recently approved a similar agreement between the City of Needles and the Fort Mohave Tribe.

“This has been a year of extraordinary progress for our people. And we may be on the threshold of another, incredible development to benefit our tribe and our region. Your Tribal Council is working very hard and it’s nice to see that hard work paying off,” Eddy, Jr. said.

Students honored for attendance, grades

The following K-8 students served by the Education Department were honored with award certificates and a pizza party on November 12. Honor roll recipients have a B average or above. Those on the Principal’s Honor Roll have straight A’s. If your student was listed on the school honor roll, or for perfect attendance but not here, call the Department at (928) 669-8831.

Wallace Honor Roll
Jennifer Carter, Lane Drennan, Sydney Harper, Andrea Harper, Elroy Evaston, Brandon Harper

Le Pera Honor Roll
Cameron Booth, Yvette Brenner, Jeramee Logan, Nikayla Martin, Haily Heanes, Jeffrey Stewart, Skyler Alcaida, Braxton Booth, Brittiny Booth, Allyx Harper, Maryam Gary, Joshua Moore

Le Pera Principal’s Honor Roll
Jamil Gary, Billy Escoto, Mikah Harper

Perfect Attendance, Blake Primary School
Michelle Harper Ameelyenah, Vernon Short, Cassandra Miller, Evan Miller, Alias Murphy, Tyson Aspa, Roman Robledo, Spencer Harper. Arrow Lopez, Spencer Moore, Tianna Robledo, Devante Jackson, Bryan Miller, Elida Powsey, Ramiro Martinez, Phillip Lee, Shereaf Miller, Rochelle Gonzales

Perfect Attendance, Wallace
Skyler Martinez, Raymond Gomez, Marissa Patch, Alexzandra Lopez, Anthony Howard, Andrea Harper, Andre Miller, Danny Patch, Andrew Honadick, Jose Bautista, Taryn Drennan, Jeremy Fisher, Vance Swick

Perfect Attendance, Le Pera School:
Lainee Scott, Destinee Swick, Shelby Welch, Lisa Logan, John Gomez, Alfonso Soto, Mariqua Booth, Elena Zeyouma, Charles Aspa, Rojelio Flores, Andrea Scott, Hanavaa Aspa, Davina Leivas, Lawrence Zeyouma, Sterling Welch, Daniel Webb, Jocelyn Logan, Jordan Robledo, Jeffrey Stewart, Justina Jones, Braxton Booth, Tiffany Casares, Allyx Harper, Robin Wilson, Lorena Flores, Isaac Leivas

Additionally, the following Parker High School students were recognized at the Parker High School Honor & Principles Honor assembly.

Honor Roll
Ollie Alcaida, Tyrone Harper, Phillip Poolaw, Twlya Sackett, Ashley Swick

Principles Honor
Dominiqu Bloxham, 4.0 GPA; Lynnis Gonzales, 4.0 GPA; Andrea Mitchell, 4.0 GPA; Frank Stillman, 3.05 GPA

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supported an initiative that would give for elder care and college scholarships. I was never so proud of our efforts. Another attempt to maintain tribal jurisdiction over its lands was action to recoup areas along our pristine western boundary. As an attempt to educate our young people, fields trips are coordinated to show our young ladies vying for the ambassadress titles of CRIT, on boat trips along the southern boundary.

Our people need to be protected against the devastating affects of drugs and alcohol. Action was taken in 2003 for our police department to develop a budget and program using the federal process to establish a Drug Enforcement Agency. In the fall of the same year our legal department was directed to move its efforts for surveillance operations as a tribal goal for a “Zero Tolerance”

reservation.

I supported entrepreneurial efforts by tribal members; home site leases; homeland security efforts; lead abatement; elder utility assistance; the Dialysis Support Group efforts (as I am diabetic); employee benefit enhancements (much of which is ongoing); ASE S’MAAV; and communication efforts (Manataba Messenger, CRIT website construction); and community gatherings.

I would encourage change that allows growth and prosperity. I welcome you, and I volunteer myself to be your voice, I encourage constructive criticism as I am willing to listen...As a final note, I am AHA-MAKA AV of the NEOLCH clan, married into the MOKI (Mohave meaning HOPI people) of CHIRICAHUA decendency and when I ponder, “what the use”, I picture a white haired, smiling face woman and am reminded, “for the people.”

Edward Yava, Sr.
My given name is Edward Kennard Yava, Sr. My parents are the late Albert Yava, Sr. and Virginia Scott. I am of the Yei Dineh Kii ya ahnii, or Tower

House Clan, born for the Shush Dineh or Tewa People as my father's people are Tewa.

My desire to run for Tribal office has been an ongoing process, dating back to when my Dad was still living. The best counsel he gave me was, “when I was able to have stones thrown at me” and “when I was able to live in a glass house, think carefully and then make my decision.” I have reached that milestone and make my conscious decision. In doing so, I make this commitment to serve the Tribal membership with integrity, fairness and honor.

My views and concerns are many and require much insight and a lot of paper space so I will address those I feel are important. One of these concerns is that for Tribal government or council to be effective, it has to be legitimate in the eyes of the tribal membership. They are the ones who elect members to these prestigious positions. Another concern is that of our Youth. They need a council that will address their issues. Issues not only in education, with their families, their health, culturally as well as socially. They will be the

guiding members of the tribe when their day comes and hopefully we will have done the right things to keep them on the right track in taking care of each other, the tribe and the sovereignty of this nation.

One of the most affluent problems that affect us all is the abuse of alcohol, drugs, spouses and children. Alcohol and drugs are thieves that steal from our lives and our youth. It takes from all and it gives nothing in return. It is not the “Indian Way” to abuse your spouses or abuse the children.

Economic development, often addressed and expounded upon. For economic development to work, tribal government must exercise its tribal sovereignty effectively, because Tribal recognition and assertion cannot do the job alone.

In closing, there is a need for separation of politics from business management, effective and non-political dispute resolution and a tribal government that can get the job done. I offer a partnership with tribal members and others to effectively resolve long-standing concerns and issues facing CRIT.



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